

## Allison Charney, soprano, and Mark Mazullo, piano in recital March 3

**St. Paul, Minn. - Allison Charney, soprano, and Mark Mazullo, piano** will be in recital Sunday, March 3 at 3 p.m., Mairs Concert Hall, 1600 Grand Ave., St. Paul. The concert is free and open to the public. For more information call 651-696-6808.



Charney and Mazullo's performance will include *Zigeunerlieder* (Gypsy Songs) of Antonin Dvorak, Beethoven's Piano Sonata in A-flat Major Opus 110, and Hector Berlioz's song cycle *Les nuits d'été*.

Charney's operatic career began with her debut at the New York City Opera. She has earned a reputation for her "vocal agility, lush sound, and dramatic portrayals" of the lirico-spinto soprano roles in her wide-ranging repertoire, including many of the most beloved Puccini heroines, most notably the title roles in *Madame Butterfly*, both Mimi and Musetta in *La Boheme*, and Liu in *Turandot*. Concert highlights have included performances at Alice Tully Hall and Avery Fisher Hall, as well as a debut with the Philadelphia Orchestra in April 2009. Charney is featured in the newly released first recording of the Pulitzer Prize-nominated oratorio *Choose Life* by composer Mona Lyn Reese.

Mazullo appears frequently in solo, chamber, and concerto settings, performing concertos by Beethoven, Shostakovich, and Prokofiev with the Minnesota Philharmonic, the Civic Orchestra of Minneapolis, the St. Paul Civic Orchestra, and the Dubuque (Iowa) Symphony Orchestra. Other recent projects have included a complete performance of John Cage's *Sonatas and Interludes for Prepared Piano* in collaboration with Macalester College's dance program, and an all-Beethoven recital and master class at the University of North Dakota School of Music. Mazullo is professor and chair of the Music Department at Macalester and the author of *Shostakovich's Preludes and Fugues: Contexts, Style, Performance* (Yale University Press, 2010).

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